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GLADSTONE MAN SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Gladstone, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for aiding and abetting others in manufacturing counterfeit money.

Shannon M. Rudder, 25, of Gladstone, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to two years in federal prison without parole.

On April 14, 2004, **Rudder** waived his right to indictment and pleaded guilty to a federal information charging him with aiding and abetting others in making counterfeit currency with intent to defraud between Feb. 10 and 12, 2004.

Rudder, who was originally charged in a federal criminal complaint filed on Feb. 13, 2004, admitted that he met with others at a hotel room in Independence, Mo., between Feb. 10 and 12, 2004. A Hewlett-Packard combination scanner/printer was in the hotel room, Graves said, and was used to scan genuine \$20 bills then print counterfeits. **Rudder** admitted that he operated the scanner/printer and passed some of the counterfeit currency at a Wal-Mart store in Richmond, Mo.

In two related cases, **Dustin J. Young**, 26, of Kansas City, Mo., and **Robert E. Williams**, 31, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., also pleaded guilty on Aug. 5, 2004, and April 8, 2004, respectively. Both co-defendants admitted that they, too, conspired to make counterfeit currency between Feb. 10 and 12, 2004. Each of the three men were originally charged in the Feb. 13, 2004, criminal complaint.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service, the Richmond, Mo., Police Department and the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

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